

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Jon A. Wolff, )  
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Vladimir G. Budker )

) Examiner: Daniel M. Sullivan

Serial No.: 09/631,152 )

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For: Gene Expression With Covalently Modified Polynucleotides

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

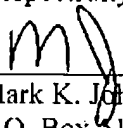
Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

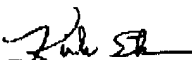
Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2002, for three months from March 16, 2003, to June 16, 2003. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A credit card payment form accompanies this petition authorizing payment to the Commissioner in the amount of \$465.00 to cover the petition fee.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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